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Mail Stop Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

\_X\_ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

## Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	5	Minus	34 =	0×	\$18(9)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	3	Minus	15 =	0 ×	\$84(42)	= \$0.00
	Total additional fee for this amendment					\$0.00

- If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.
- If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
- \*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.
- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280 (\$140) has been previously paid \_, or is paid herewith \_ .
- This response is being filed within the \_\_\_ first month, \_\_ second month, \_\_ third month, \_\_ fourth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor, and the fee of \_\_\_\$110 (\$55), \_\$410(\$205), \_\$930(\$465), \_\$1,450(\$725) for the requisite extension paid herewith.
- Checks in the amounts of \$\_\_\_ and \$\_\_\_ are attached.
- Charge \$\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- <u>X</u> Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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